

### HOUSEWIVES' LEAGUE FIGHTS COAL TON CUT

Mrs. Derr Fears Bill Reducing Weight to 2000 Pounds Would Boost Cost

### QUESTIONS SHORTAGE TALK

The Mangan bill, now before the state Senate, standardizing a ton of coal at 2000 pounds instead of 2240, is termed a "gouge" by Mrs. William B. Derr, organizer and head of the Philadelphia branch of the National Housewives' League.

It is the belief of Mrs. Derr that this bill, should it become a law, will work a hardship on the consumer. She is of the opinion that the cut in prices will not be proportionate to the cut in weight.

"The consumers should rise in arms against it," said Mrs. Derr.

"Do I think the cut in price will be proportionate to the cut in weight? I certainly do not. The bill on its face is an outrage. We should endeavor to do all in our power to influence our senators against it, because legislation of this kind can only be for one purpose, the benefit of the retailer.

"It seems to me very wrong that the people, after shouldering the Liberty Loans, should be called upon to pay out money to influential retailers in this manner, because the passage of the Mangan bill will undoubtedly result in a gouge on the consumer. Prices are seldom, if ever, proportionate to weight cuts, especially in a commodity of this kind.

"The housewife should be deeply interested in this matter, but at present, outside of appealing to our senators at Harrisburg, I do not see how we can prevent the passage of the bill. It is possible that if this body should receive sufficient letters and messages of protest, setting forth the attitude of the consumer, some action against the passage of the bill might be taken."

Mrs. Derr also referred to the present intimation on the part of dealers of a coming coal shortage. "Why a shortage of this kind should be raised other than for commercial purposes I cannot understand," she continued.

"Three years ago there was a similar cry of coal shortage. At that time I was in West Virginia and I learned from an operator that they had mined more coal just preceding this cry than at any other period. It is early in the season for a scare of this kind. I suppose, though, the dealers have instigated it for the purpose of preparing the consumer for another jump in prices next winter, at a time when the consumer will be little prepared to meet an increase in prices of any kind.

"This scare, coupled with the passage of the Mangan bill, undoubtedly will prove highly favorable to the retailer.

"During a period of reconstruction, through such as the country is now passing as a result of the war, it seems to me that other matters should be given more importance by our legislative bodies than bills of the Mangan type. This is certainly true if our representatives want to create satisfaction among the people.

"Should this bill pass, permitting the retailer to slice 240 pounds from the anthracite ton, despite their intimation that there will follow a corresponding cut in prices, there is nothing in the bill which will force them to make good this promise."

### FIX DATE TO HEAR BUTCHERS

Slaughter House Injunction Will Be Argued May 28

Court of Common Pleas No. 4 has fixed May 28 as the date for a hearing on the city's plea for an injunction restraining eight persons from slaughtering animals without a license, in violation of Board of Health rules. Bills in equity have been filed by City Solicitor Connolly against these defendants: L. A. di Giacomo, 719 South Fairhill street; J. Imparziale, 719 South Seventh street; R. Imparziale, 743 South Seventh street.

D. Pasquale, 937 South Ninth street; N. Tomilo, northwest corner of Ninth and Carpenter streets; E. Ricca, 919 Ellsworth street; L. Gibelli, 1167 South Eleventh street; G. Oteri, Tenth street near Moore.

### WOMEN WILL CONFER ON LABOR MAY 28

"National Situation" and "War and Local Bureaus" Will Be Leading Topics

A three-day conference has been called by the women's division of the U. S. Employment Service in this city to discuss the national situation in the field of labor for women. The conference will begin May 28 and continue until May 30.

Wednesday evening, Mrs. Margareta Neale, assistant to the director general of the U. S. Employment Service of the Department of Labor in Washington, will be one of the speakers on "The National Situation." Miss Elizabeth Kemper Adams, of the professional section, will speak on the same topic with reference to professional women.

"War and the Local Bureaus: What is the Next Step?" is the topic which will be discussed at a luncheon Thursday by Miss Helen Bennett, of the Chicago bureau; Mrs. Edith S. King, of New York, and Miss Juliet R. Stackhouse, director of the women's division in this city.

The morning and afternoon sessions of the conference will be devoted to the discussion of employment service business and will not be open to the public.

Friday will be given over to the entertainment of visiting delegates and guests. On the program for Memorial Day are visits to the shipyards, Valley Forge and other historical places.

All sessions of the conference will be held at the College Club.

### PENN MUTUAL ANNIVERSARY

Association Opens 72d Annual Convocation Here Today

The seventy-second anniversary of the Penn Mutual Life is being celebrated at the home office today. A meeting of the Penn Mutual Agency Association was held at 1:15 o'clock, followed by a luncheon. Lincoln K. Passmore presided at the meeting and a paper on "Service" was read by Henry C. Bagley.

A second paper on "Getting To

gether," by Dr. Harry Foulmin, followed.

Prominent insurance men gave five-minute talks after both papers. Tomorrow the meeting starts at 9:30 a. m., with William H. Kingsley presiding. J. B. Duryn will speak on "What Do We Need?" and J. Burnett Gibb on "Changing Conditions."

Sessions will be held Thursday. At 2:30 o'clock Thursday the insurance men will make a boat trip down the Delaware river to visit the shipyards. A banquet in the evening at the Bellevue Stratford, at which an address will be made by Governor Sprout, will conclude the convention.



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<p>306 Royal Worcester Corsets \$1.50</p> <p>A popular medium bust model. \$2 value.</p>	<p>Lovely New Cotton Waists 98c</p> <p>White voiles with lace trim and fronts or neat and larger striped voiles in tailored styles.</p>	<p>\$5.00 New Leghorn Hats, \$2.98</p> <p>The popular large size in a new shape with trimmings of ribbons and back neat flowers.</p>

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### "You Tell Dad to be Sure to Say a Good Word for the Salvation Army"

Judge Ben Lindsay, of Denver, returned from France filled with enthusiastic praise for the wonderful work of the Salvation Army, and with many first-hand stories of what those brave lassies had done for our boys over there.

He called upon Archie Roosevelt, and when he was leaving, Captain Archie shouted: "You tell Dad when you see him that the first chance he gets to be sure to say a good word for the Salvation Army. They're the real thing over here, Judge!"

The Judge says, after hearing from the boys of the heroic work with the dead and dying and wounded and hungry boys, you couldn't help but take off your hat and shout for the Salvation Army. The words of the soldiers everywhere rang in his ears, "Whatever you do, don't forget the Salvation Army!" But the war work of the Salvation Army was merely a continuation of the good work it has been doing for half a century, for the relief of suffering and misery everywhere. Their slogan is: "A man may be down, but he's never out"—and they have lifted thousands up, both men and women, by giving food, hope and a new outlook. Who could fail to see the great good that will come of a liberal contribution to the SALVATION ARMY HOME SERVICE FUND?

### Umbrellas—Special

MEN'S UMBRELLAS—of satin gloria, well made on sturdy paragon frames; handles of plain or fancy carved mission wood, in the popular crook style—special at \$4.00.

WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS—of black silk taffeta, with smart looking handles of fancy carved wood or with bakelite tops, and finished with wrist cords—special at \$5.00.



\$25.00 \$19.75 \$15.00 \$25.00

### SO MANY INEXPENSIVE SUITS AND DRESSES HAVE ARRIVED

And so remarkably smart they are, as you can see by the sketch. For instance, there are—  
**Lovely New Silk Suits, \$25.00 to \$35.00**

The Silk Suit sketched (at the extreme right) is one of those cool, unlined taffetas, that are always in such demand for summer. Another model of taffeta, at \$30.00, is made on straight lines, with a long shawl collar. At \$32.50, Taffeta Suits in an unusually full-skirted style, attractively trimmed with metal buttons. At \$35.00, Suits of silk-and-wool poplin, made in a smart plaited style, with Tuxedo collar, and button-trimmed.

**Sports Suits of Jersey Cloth, at \$25.00**  
In plain colors and heather mixtures—navy blue, Copenhagen blue, henna, brown and green, also Oxford gray and black. One model in box-plaited style is shown in sketch at left. Another model is in the loose, easy straight-from-the-shoulder style, loosely belted.

**Smart New Gingham Dresses, \$8.75 to \$22.50**  
Stripes, checks, plaids, with black patent leather belts, black silk girdles with sash ends, others with long sashes of the material. Many with Swiss collar and its attractive button trimming—altogether different from the one-time gingham frock. In fact, gingham is one of the high notes of fashion, and these are shown in a full assortment of colors. (Sketch shows one at \$19.75).

**Novelty Voile Frocks, from \$13.50 to \$16.50**  
Figured, flowered, checked, showing the surplice effects, terminating in sashes; the softly full-tucked, the deep tucks, the lace and Swiss collars. Light and dark colors. (See sketch—\$15.00).

**Silk Dresses in Spring Shades, \$25.00**  
Of taffeta, crepe de chine and crepe Georgette-and-taffeta combined, with tunic and peplum skirts, some models beaded or embroidered and some with the daintiest vestee and collar.

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